

3 August 1982
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Seoul Bureau--July 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Since assuming primary coverage of Korean media, Seoul Bureau has operated on a 24-hour basis. The decision to remain open throughout the night was greatly influenced by the fact that the ROK observed a curfew making it next to impossible to close down bureau operations after midnight. In addition, Seoul Bureau communications section provided an alert service for embassy components.

With the lifting of the curfew, and upgrading in the embassy's communications setup providing it an alert capability of its own, the necessity for an overnight shift is being examined. Deputy Chief [] has been assigned the responsibility for gathering pro-and-con arguments on the subject, following which a recommendation will be formulated.

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2. Newly arrived editor [] has been designated property accountability officer vice [] and [] have been reviewing procedures and documents affecting bureau property.

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B. Communications

1. The cable linking the bureau's remote receiving site at [] with the microwave facility which forwards signals to Seoul was inadvertently cut during the month. The bureau's remote receiving capability was interrupted for approximately 24 hours. During this time, antennas atop the embassy were utilized by bureau personnel.

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C. Lateral Services

1. Jimmy Lee, assistant to the senior member of the Military Armistice Commission, queried the bureau as to whether proceedings of MAC meetings were ever televised by North Korean media. A quick check of bureau records provided the information that the DPRK occasionally did televise MAC proceedings.

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2. During a telephone conversation with the duty officer at the United Nations Indication Center, the bureau was commended as one of the few components of the embassy to keep the center in mind when important events occur. It is bureau policy to alert the center when items of interest are monitored.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] and his family arrived in Seoul on PCS from Washington. STAT
2. Korean monitor trainees [] reported for duty during the month. STAT
3. Teletypist trainee [] reported for duty in July. STAT
4. Technician [] tendered his resignation to accept a job at Chase Manhattan Bank. It was decided to give teletypist [] an opportunity to fill the position. [] has been taking college courses in the field. Steps have been taken to replace [] in the teletype section. STAT
5. An informal ceremony was held at the bureau at which [] were awarded longevity pins for their service. STAT
6. Korean monitor [] was awarded a quality step increase for his sustained excellent performance. STAT

III. VISITS

1. On 8 July, James Hoare, head of chancery, and Michael Riley, second secretary, from the British Embassy in Seoul, accompanied Barry England, new Korea desk officer in the United Kingdom Foreign Office, on a tour of the bureau. During the tour, the visitors received a briefing on bureau operations, viewed several Pyongyang television video tapes and exchanged views on developments in North Korea.

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/ Chief, Seoul Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:

Seoul Bureau Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR July, 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	451,500
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	110,820
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,091

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(minutes or issues per week)

13,755 min	6,810 min	48 issues
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(publishable words per month)

CHINA (PRC)

Beijing in

Korean to Korea

2,950

Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in

Mandarin

12,570

Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in

Mandarin

13,560

Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in

Mandarin

15,500

Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in

Mandarin

7,950

Lanzhou Gansu Provincial Service in

Mandarin

2,470

Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in

Mandarin

3,190

Tianjin City Service in

Mandarin

4,050

Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in

Mandarin

1,840

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(Clandestine) Voice Of The Revolutionary
Party For Reunification in

Korean to South Korea

28,130

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	93,870		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		171,820	
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	3,880		
Seoul YONHAP in English		19,230	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			8,010
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			3,670
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			3,800
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			2,020
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			3,170
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			20,130
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			15,940
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			9,660
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea			4,090